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Provisional annotated agenda

1. Opening of the session

The Executive Board will hear opening statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director of UNICEF.

Organizational and procedural matters

2. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board for 2016

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2011/11 and rule 11 of the rules of procedure of the Executive Board, the Board will elect a new Bureau consisting of a President and four Vice-Presidents. The President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board represent the regional groups of the United Nations Member States. In accordance with the rotation scheme established by the Executive Board in its decision 1992/7 (document E/ICEF/1992/14), the President for 2016 will be nominated from among the Eastern European States that are members of the Executive Board. The election will take place on 8 January 2016.

3. Adoption of the provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work
For decision [E/ICEF/2016/1]

The provisional agenda has been prepared in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board based on the programme of work adopted by the Executive Board at its second regular session of 2015 and on the recommendations of the Bureau. The Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the session, making any amendments it considers necessary.

Programme and policy matters

4. Oral report on UNICEF follow-up to recommendations and decisions of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS Programme Coordinating Board meetings
For information [UNICEF/2016/EB/2]

The Executive Board will hear an oral report on the implementation of the recommendations and decisions of the 35th and 36th UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board meetings, held from 9 to 11 December 2014 and 30 June to 2 July 2015, respectively. A brief background document is available to the members of the Executive Board.

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5. Oral update on UNICEF humanitarian action
For information

The Executive Board will receive an update on humanitarian action in UNICEF. The session will begin with an overview of the situation of children living in crisis and outline the UNICEF response as well as challenges and achievements. The presentation will also focus on the World Humanitarian Summit and UNICEF engagement in the lead up to this global call to action to make humanitarian action fit for the future.

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6. UNICEF programme cooperation

(a) Country programme documents
For decision

The seven country programme documents listed below are presented to the Executive Board for discussion and approval on a no-objection basis, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/1. Costed evaluation plans for each country programme are posted to the UNICEF Executive Board website alongside the documents. The United Nations Development Assistance Framework results matrices are available through the UNICEF Executive Board website, where applicable.

The seven country programme documents for this session will be presented by region:

Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States
Azerbaijan *[E/ICEF/2016/P/L.1]*

Eastern and Southern Africa
Ethiopia *[E/ICEF/2016/P/L.2]*
United Republic of Tanzania *[E/ICEF/2016/P/L.3]*

Latin America and Caribbean
Argentina *[E/ICEF/2016/P/L.4]*
Uruguay *[E/ICEF/2016/P/L.5]*

Middle East and North Africa
Iraq *[E/ICEF/2016/P/L.6]*
Syrian Arab Republic *[E/ICEF/2016/P/L.7]*

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(b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes
For decision [E/ICEF/2016/P/L.8]

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/11, the Executive Board will be requested to take note of the one-year extensions of the country programmes for Ghana, Malawi and Oman.

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Evaluation, audit and oversight matters

7. Evaluation reports and management response

(a) Plan for global thematic evaluations, 2014-2017: review and update for 2016-2017
For information [E/ICEF/2016/3]

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2015/10, this report presents a review of progress in implementing the UNICEF plan for global thematic evaluations and provides updates to the plan.

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(b) Increasing access and equity in early childhood education in the CEE/CIS region, and management response
For information

The evaluation covers the period 2005-2012 and focuses on the following countries/territories in the CEE/CIS region: Armenia; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Kosovo (under United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 [1999]); Kyrgyzstan; the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; and the Republic of Moldova. It assesses the extent to which system-level changes have contributed to young children's increased access to early childhood education programmes and whether there have been any reductions in equity gaps. The evaluation further reviews UNICEF support to system-level changes and assesses the support provided to countries/territories by the Regional Office.

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Resources, financial and budgetary matters

8. UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014 and Report of the Board of Auditors
For information [A/70/5/Add.3]

The UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements and Report of the Board of Auditors are presented to the Executive Board annually as of 2014. Previously, they were presented every two years. They are presented at the first regular session so that the Executive Board may take into account any comments made by the Fifth Committee on the report during the seventieth session of the General Assembly.[1] In addition, the following two related reports are available to the Executive Board for information: (a) Implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its reports on the United Nations funds and programmes for the year ended 31 December 2014 — Report of the Secretary-General — Addendum (A/70/338/Add.1); and (b) Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors for the period ended 31 December 2014 — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/380).

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9. UNICEF resource mobilization strategy
For information [UNICEF/2016/EB/3]

The session responds to the Executive Board decision 2015/14 to present a resource mobilization strategy based on the UNICEF Strategic Plan 2014-2017 and Integrated Results and Resources Framework, at the first regular session of 2016. A background paper will be prepared and shared with the Executive Board prior to the session.

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10. Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2016 workplan and proposed budget
For decision [E/ICEF/2016/AB/L.1]

This report is presented annually to the Executive Board for review and comment.

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[1] The Fifth Committee of the General Assembly considered the report on 14 October 2015.

Other matters and adoption of draft decisions

11. Other matters

The Executive Board may consider discussing any other issue under this agenda item.

12. Adoption of draft decisions

13. Closing statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board

The Executive Board will hear statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board.

Provisional timetable and organization of work for the 2016 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board 2-4 February 2016[2]

Friday 8 January	a.m.	Item 2	Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board for 2016
Tuesday 2 February	a.m. 10.00-11.00	Item 1	Opening of the session: Statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director of UNICEF
		Item 3	Adoption of the provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work
	a.m. 11.00-1.00	Item 6	UNICEF programme cooperation: (a) Country programme documents (b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes
	1.15-2.30		*Informal consultations*
	p.m. 3.00-5.00	Item 10	Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2016 workplan and proposed budget
		Item 8	UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014 and Report of the Board of Auditors
	5.00-6.00		*Informal consultations*
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		Item 7	Evaluation reports and management response (a) Plan for global thematic evaluations, 2014-2017: review and update for 2016-2017 (b) Increasing access and equity in early childhood education in the CEE/CIS region, and management response
	1.15-2.30		*Informal consultations*
	p.m. 3.00-5.00	Item 9	UNICEF resource mobilization strategy
		Item 4	Oral report on UNICEF follow-up to recommendations and decisions of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS Programme Coordinating Board meetings
Thursday 4 February	a.m. 10.00-1.00	Item 11	Other matters
		Item 12	Adoption of draft decisions
		Item 13	Closing statements by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board

[2] When consideration of an agenda item concludes ahead of the allocated time, the next item will be taken up for consideration and the timetable will be adjusted accordingly.